



# Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where was this weather last Friday! Not to worry, we have been working hard behind the scenes to organise one final hurrah of a sports day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. A massive thank you to Mr Smart from Cowplain School for being so accommodating in changing a Year 6 event to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July (more to those parents next week). And also a massive thank you to CM Sports for arranging cover with their team, to also make themselves available.

I am SOOOO excited! We have been gifted 12 Happy Hens – one for each class! The hens arrived anonymously with a lovely note this morning – what a wonderful way to start the day...!

The hens have all been lovingly created and each one unique. The children have been ever so excited to receive one. It has definitely put a smile on everyone's faces. I visited each class to deliver this wonderful gift. We all agreed that the sort of person who is responsible for this kind gesture, are themselves extremely kind-hearted and generous. Thank you from all of us at Denmead Junior School.

Dear Mr Clark, Staff and wonderful Children of Denmead Juniors...  
I'm so impressed with all the hard work of you all in these difficult time, you have all been amazing.  
Many will know about the Denmead Happy Hens that have been left around the village for people to find (200 to date) So Happy Hen wishes to gift your amazing children a happy hen for each classroom to hang up to bring a smile to everyones day...  
If possible share with the classrooms before the year 6s go on their trip next week, and if possible share a photo on the 'Denmead Community' facebook page - know You Are loved ❤️



These are busy but exciting times. Many children in lower school have been creating more scientific inventions as part of their Stemazing project. They have also been busy making Canopic Jars, which look incredible.

Mr Goodens has told me that once finished, they will be ready to use by the children. However, I have been assured that they will not be required to place their own vital organs within but more for important, little trinkets, which are special to them – thank goodness!



Many of Year 6 are off to Osmington Bay for their long anticipated residential trip. I'm sure they will be excited and a bit nervous in equal measure. Having been to Osmington Bay myself with a previous school, I know that the children will have a great time. Yes, they will be challenged, yes, they will be taken out of their comfort zone and yes, they will learn a lot about themselves, but what a fantastic experience to finish of their time with us.

For those Year 6 'homebirds' who are remaining in school, we have a whole bespoke curriculum for them to enjoy, engage with and learn from. We look forward to seeing all those year 6s next week. And for those going away, we wish them all the best of luck. I hope to visit Osmington Bay next week, and I will give parents an update upon my return.

A massive thank you to the PTA for gifting our year 6 children with their Leaver's Hoodies, and the timing of which could not be better, so that those visiting Osmington Bay can wear them with PRIDE for next week.



Our first transition day was a great success, with current year 3, 4 & 5 children meeting their new class teacher and LSA, in their new classroom, in their new continent of either Asia, Africa or South America. We look forward to welcoming the new year 3's next week, in the absence of many of our year 6's.



And finally, our raised planter competition is hotting up, with all the raised beds looking simply magnificent. Last week I was able to share with you a recently picked courgette and this week we've some broad beans to share with you from Congo, otherwise located in year 6, central Denmead!

Wishing you all a great weekend ... *c'mon England!*  
Kind regards, **Mr Andy Clarke - Head Teacher**

- **5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Yr 6 Residential visit
  - **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** **Deadline for ordering Year 6 group photo**
  - **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Lower school – EGYPTIAN DAY
  - **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** School reports sent home
  - **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>:** **Sports Day rescheduled**
  - **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** **Enterprise Day rescheduled – details to follow**
  - **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** Y6 Leavers afternoon – *details to follow*
  - **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July:** Last day of term – 1.30pm finish for all classes
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- **Current year 4** Look for an email next week regarding Bikability in September – *yes, already!*
  - **Year 6 residential** Updates will be sent via email to you directly.
  - **Lower school** Egyptian Day on Friday – costumes at the ready, for those who wish to join in!

For this month, we are encouraging children to be extra '**H.E.A.L.T.H.Y.**' – you can find out how to get involved on our website here: <https://www.denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=28>

And finally, Hampshire Libraries launch their Summer Reading Challenge this weekend. We'll be sending out flyers next week, but if you want to have a sneak peek first, check out their website here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone/src2021>

